DECLARATION OF DAWNIELL ALISE ZAVALA

- I, Dawniell Alise Zavala, declare:
- 1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before the Courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. I am an associate in the law firm of Holme Roberts & Owen LLP ("HRO"). HRO serves as lead national counsel for the record companies in all actions like the current case. I have personal knowledge of all facts set forth in this declaration, except as where stated on information and belief. As to such facts, I believe them to be true, and if called and sworn as a witness, would competently testify thereto.
- Plaintiffs filed the First Amended Complaint against Defendant on February 11,
 2008.
- 3. On February 14, 2008, Defendant was served with a Summons and Complaint at 1950 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101, the office of her then-attorney, Gerald Singleton.
- 4. Defendant filed an Answer on March 10, 2008 denying the allegations contained in the First Amended Complaint and raising various affirmative defenses.
- 5. On May 12, 2008, Defendant filed a Motion to Substitute Attorney Gerald Singleton with Attorney Frank Partida. On May 16, 2008 the Court entered an order granting Defendant's Motion to Substitute Attorney, with the added requirement that all dates previously set remain in effect.
- 6. On May 15, 2008, Plaintiffs served the following discovery requests on Defendant through her new attorney, Jesus "Frank" Partida: First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Admission, and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents. The deadline for Defendant to respond to Plaintiffs' discovery requests was June 19, 2008. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the letter Plaintiffs sent to Defendant's counsel accompanying Plaintiffs' first set of discovery requests. To date, Defendant has not provided any responses whatsoever.
- 7. On June 23, 2008, I sent a letter via U.S. mail under Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to Defendant's counsel, Frank Partida. In this letter, I notified Defendant's counsel

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that Defendant's responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests were overdue, and that Plaintiffs required Defendant's responses as soon as possible. Although I mistakenly listed the date that the discovery requests were served as April 1, 2008 (the date Plaintiffs served their initial disclosures), I nevertheless listed the correct date that the responses were due – June 19, 2008 – based on the actual date the requests were served. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of this letter. Defendant's counsel failed to contact Plaintiffs regarding this letter.

- 8. On July 14, 2008, I sent a letter via e-mail and U.S. mail to Defendant's counsel, Frank Partida. This letter accompanied Plaintiffs' First Request for Inspection, pursuant to Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In this letter, I reminded Defendant's counsel that Defendant still had not responded to Plaintiffs' discovery requests, and that Defendant's responses were due on June 19, 2008. I also referenced the letter I had sent Defendant's counsel on June 23, 2008, which also noted that Defendant's discovery responses were overdue. I then informed Defendant's counsel that if we did not receive his client's discovery responses by July 18, 2008, Plaintiffs would file a motion to compel. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of the letter I sent to Defendant's counsel on July 14, 2008. Defendant's counsel failed to contact Plaintiffs in response to this letter.
- 9. On July 21, 2008, I participated in a telephone conversation with Defendant's counsel and the mediator assigned to this case. During this conversation, Defendant's counsel and I discussed Plaintiffs' First Request for Inspection served on July 14, 2008, and also discussed the fact that Defendant's responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests served ion May 15, 2008 had still not been sent. Defendant's counsel acknowledged receiving my July 14, 2008 letter, but indicated that he did not want to provide responses until after a computer inspection takes place in this matter. Although I agreed that an inspection would likely be helpful in this case, I in no way agreed to extend the time for Defendant to respond to Plaintiffs' written discovery requests.
- 10. To clarify Plaintiffs' position regarding Defendant's overdue discovery responses after this conversation, I sent Defendant's counsel a letter on July 21, 2008 via facsimile and U.S. mail explaining that Defendant was in no way relieved of her obligation to respond to Plaintiffs' discovery requests due on June 19, 2008. I further stated in this letter that if we did not receive

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27 28 Defendant's responses by July 31, 2008, Plaintiffs would file a motion to compel. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the letter I sent to Defendant's counsel on July 21, 2008.

- 11. In response to my July 21, 2008 letter, Defendant's counsel left me a voicemail message on July 22, 2008 at 10:01 a.m. In this message, Defendant's counsel stated the following: "Dawniell, I got your fax regarding the inspection of the computer and I'm a little confused here." Are you guys going to do an inspection or not, and as far as delaying the case any longer, what exactly do you mean by that? I understand that you want your written responses to your discovery requests, or you're going to file a motion to compel by July 31st. I don't know if you've taken a look at your requests; there's a lot of stuff there that's exclusively on the hard drive, and I have no idea how to give you written responses to those requests, but if you really want to file a motion to compel, knock yourself out. But this smells like abuse of the discovery process to me. Anyway, you know where to call me. Bye." Throughout this message, Defendant's counsel in no way agreed to serve Plaintiffs with his client's discovery responses, nor did he indicate that he would at least provide Plaintiffs with the discovery responses he felt competent in answering.
- 12. On July 23, 2008 at 6:59 p.m., I sent Defendant's counsel an e-mail in response to the voicemail message I received from him on July 22, 2008. In this e-mail, I explained that the reservations expressed by Defendant's counsel are unfounded, since all of the information sought is either already known to Defendant or is readily ascertainable once she turns on her computer. I emphasized that no computer inspection is necessary to respond to Plaintiffs' discovery requests, and therefore the excuses proffered by Defendant's counsel for failing to respond are completely inadequate and are also disingenuous, since Defendant waited until after the responses were due and after several reminders were sent regarding her overdue responses to raise these concerns. Moreover, I noted that Defendant has never even offered to have her computer inspected at all since the inception of this litigation (Plaintiffs formally requested the inspection on July 14, 2008, pursuant to Rule 34). I also reminded Defendant's counsel that the deadline to raise objections to Plaintiffs' discovery requests expired on June 19, 2008 when the responses were due, and that any objections are now deemed waived. I then reiterated Plaintiffs' intention to file a motion to compel

responded to this e-mail.

13. To date, Plaintiffs have received no discovery responses from Defendant, which are now 46 days overdue. Plaintiffs have expended substantial time and effort attempting to resolve this

if Defendant's discovery responses were not received by July 31, 2008. Defendant's counsel has not

now 46 days overdue. Plaintiffs have expended substantial time and effort attempting to resolve this matter without filing a motion to compel. Defendant remains unresponsive to Plaintiffs' attempts to obtain discovery responses and resolve this matter without Court intervention.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 4th day of August, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

Dawniell Alise Zavala

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

I am employed in the office of Holme Roberts & Owen in San Francisco, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 560 Mission Street, 25th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

On August 4, 2008, I served the foregoing documents described as:

DECLARATION OF DAWNIELL ALISE ZAVALA IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND TO DEEM ADMITTED MATTERS SET FORTH IN PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

on the interested party in this action by placing a true and correct copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

Frank Partida 1229 3rd Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911 Attorney for Defendant

XX BY MAIL: I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at San Francisco, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

XX (FEDERAL) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on August 4, 2008 at San Francisco, California.

Molly Morris

EXHIBIT A



Attorneys at Law

SAN FRANCISCO

May 15, 2008

Jesus Partida, Esq.

Law Office of Frank Partida

1229 3rd Ave

BOULDER

Chula Vista, CA, 91911

Re:

Warner Bros. Records, Inc. v. Yoo-Min Lee,

N.D. Cal. Case No. 07-3094-CW

COLORADO SPRINGS

Dear Mr. Partida:

In accordance with Rules 33, 34, and 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure, enclosed are Plaintiffs first set of Interrogatories, Requests for Production, and Requests for Admission. In accordance with Rules 6, 33, 34, and 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, responses to the enclosed

discovery requests are due to Plaintiffs' counsel within 30 days of service of

discovery.

LONDON

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Sincerely.

LOS ANGELES

Matt Jaksa

Enclosures

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EXHIBIT B



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June 23, 2008

Mr. Jesus "Frank" Partida Law Offices of Frank Partida

1229 3rd Avenue

Chula Vista, CA 94911

Re:

Warner Bros., et al. v. Yoo-Min Lee, N.D. Cal. Case No. 4:07-cv-03094-CW

COLORADO SPRINGS

Dear Mr. Partida.:

Based on our calculation, your responses to Plaintiffs' Interrogatories, Requests for Production and Requests for Admissions are now overdue. Indeed, Plaintiffs served their requests by mail on April 1, 2008. Thus,

pursuant to Rules 6, 33, 34 and 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, your responses were due on or before June 19, 2008. In view of the foregoing, you must provide us with full responses immediately, or we will be forced to file a motion to compel. Especially in light of the expedited discovery schedule in this case, we request responses as soon as possible. Please be advised that such

this case, we request responses as soon as possible. Please be advised that such written responses may not contain objections as all objections have been waived due to their untimely assertion. See Richmark Corp. v. Timber Falling Consultants, 959 F.2d 1468, 1473 (9th Cir. 1992) ("It is well established that a

failure to object to discovery requests within the time required constitutes a waiver of any objections."); *Davis v. Fendler*, 650 F.2d 1154, 1160 (9th Cir. 1981) (general rule is that failure to timely object to discovery requests waives

all objections, including those based on privilege).

Sincerely

Dawniell Zavala

SALT LAKE CITY

EXHIBIT C



Attorneys at Law

SAN FRANCISCO

July 14, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

BOULDER

Frank Partida Law Offices of Frank Partida 1229 3rd Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911 lyka2000@sbcglobal.net

COLORADO SPRINGS

Re:

Warner Bros. Records, Inc., et al. v. Yoo-Min Lee

United States District Court, N.D. Cal., Oakland Division

Case No. 4:07-cv-03094-CW

LONDON

DENVER

Dear Mr. Partida:

LOS ANGELES

As you know, we represent Plaintiffs in the above-referenced case. In an effort to resolve this matter expeditiously, Plaintiffs must conduct an inspection of Ms. Lee's computer hard drive(s). Plaintiffs' specific request is outlined in the attached request for inspection. Therein, I have proposed a date and location for the inspection to occur. You will notice that I have selected Holme Roberts & Owen's San Francisco office as the location for the inspection. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if the date and/or time is not agreeable and we will work towards a more convenient arrangement.

MUNICH

Please note that this is our first formal request to inspect Ms. Lee's computer(s). Although we have proposed two previous dates for early computer inspections, your client has been uncooperative in scheduling and attending said inspections. We hope that our formal request for inspection encourages your client to comply promptly and responsively.

PHOENIX

As a final matter, you still have not provided us with your Initial Disclosures, which were due to be served upon us by April 18, 2008. Moreover, you still have not responded to our discovery requests, which were served on April 1, 2008. Your deadline to respond was June 19, 2008. I sent you a letter on June 23, 2008 reminding you of these deadlines, but you did not

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respond to this letter. Thus, if you do not provide us with your initial disclosures and discovery responses by this *Friday*, *July 18*, *2008*, we will have no choice but to file a motion to compel.

Sincerely,

EXHIBIT D

Filed 08/04/2008



Holme Roberts & Owen LLP

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SAN FRANCISCO

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

July 21, 2008

BOULDER

Frank Partida

Law Offices of Frank Partida

1229 3rd Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911

via facsimile: 619-420-0770

COLORADO SPRINGS

Re:

Warner Bros. Records, Inc., et al. v. Yoo-Min Lee

United States District Court, N.D. Cal., Oakland Division

Case No. 4:07-cv-03094-CW

DENVER

Dear Mr. Partida:

I attempted to email this communication to you at lyka2000@sbcglobal.net, but unfortunately, it "bounced back" twice and apparently did not reach you.

LONDON

I am attempting to schedule the computer inspection in this matter. We will arrange for the inspection to take place at your office, and I will contact you this week with dates that the technician is available to conduct the inspection. Although it takes several hours to complete the inspection, the analysis of the data gleaned from the inspection can take a month or longer. Thus, it is impossible to both complete the computer inspection and analyze the results in time for the mediation next month.

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Additionally, I wanted to clarify that our agreement to conduct a computer inspection does not alleviate you from your obligation to provide responses to our discovery requests. Although I agreed with you that a computer inspection will likely be helpful in this matter, the inspection is actually irrelevant to the fact that your discovery responses are overdue. First, we believe that we have sufficient evidence to pursue this case even absent a computer inspection. Second, Mr. Singleton agreed on page 5 of our joint case management statement filed 4/15/08 that discovery responses and initial disclosures would take place prior to a computer inspection: "Upon receipt of Defendant's responses, Plaintiffs will request for production and imaging each computer identified by Defendant in her responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests." Thus, we believe that your client's discovery responses will be necessary and

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July 21, 2008

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helpful to this case prior to the computer inspection. We can always tailor future discovery requests to address any evidence uncovered during the computer inspection, if necessary.

Third, since your client has been on notice for at least five months that we intended to inspect her computer, we believe that spoliation is a very real possibility in this case and therefore, the computer inspection may not reveal a "smoking gun." Moreover, you have had substantial opportunity to request a computer inspection since taking over this case and did not do so until today, even though we have sent you several reminders that your discovery responses and initial disclosures are overdue.

Finally, as mentioned above, the results of the computer inspection will not be available for approximately one month after the inspection is completed, and we do not want to delay this case any longer. Thus, in the interests of expediting this case, we cannot agree to extend the time for you to respond. Please contact your client to arrange for her to provide responses to our written discovery requests as soon as possible. If we do not receive your written responses by July 31, 2008, we will file a motion to compel.

I apologize for any confusion that may have arisen during our conversation today. Ultimately, however, we need you to respond to our discovery requests as soon as possible.

Sincerely,